

Amendment No. 1 to HB1125

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1375

House Bill No. 1125*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() If a candidate in a nonpartisan judicial general election, after the qualifying deadline, is appointed to another judicial office or nominated by a political party under § 2-13-204(a) for another judicial office and within three (3) business days of such appointment or nomination withdraws from the nonpartisan judicial general election, leaving no candidates for the office on the ballot, additional candidates may qualify for the election by filing their petitions as provided by law no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the fifty-fifth day before the election. There is no withdrawal period for the additional candidates under this subsection ().

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-204(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A political party may nominate a new candidate by any method under § 2-13-203, if the political party's candidate for an office:

(A) Dies;

(B) Withdraws because:

(i) Of a military call-up for the draft;

(ii) Of a physical or mental disability, with such physical or mental disability being properly documented by competent medical authority;

(iii) The candidate is forced to change residence by the candidate's employer for a job-related reason; or

(iv) A judicial candidate is appointed to another judicial office or nominated under this subsection for another judicial office; or

(C) Is declared ineligible or disqualified by a court.

(2) A political party's candidate may withdraw for reasons other than those stated in subdivision (a)(1), but the political party may make no further nomination for the position in question.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-204(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c) No later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the fifty-fifth day before the election, the chair of the party's state executive committee shall file with the county election commission of each county in which the nominee is a candidate a written statement of the name of the new nominee. If an event allowing a new nomination occurs within five (5) days of the fifty-fifth day, the time for making a new nomination is twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the fifth day following the death, withdrawal, or declaration of ineligibility or disqualification.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.